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PART I

BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

1972

1 - 12 JAN	Mayport, Florida
12 - 14 JAN	At sea; Begin operations with STANAVFORLANT
14 - 15 JAN	Port Royal, Grassy Bay, Bermuda
15 - 18 JAN	At sea
18 - 24 JAN	Port Everglades, Florida
24 - 27 JAN	At sea
27 JAN	Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
28 - 31 JAN	San Juan, Puerto Rico
31 JAN - 3 FEB	At sea
3 - 4 FEB	Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
4 - 7 FEB	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
7 - 14 FEB	At Sea
14 - 21 FEB	Willemstadt, Curacao
21-- 25 FEB	At sea
25 - 26 FEB	Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
26 - 28 FEB	At sea
28 FEB - 3 MAR	San Juan, Puerto Rico
3 - 8 MAR	At sea
8 - 23 MAR	Charleston, South Carolina
23 - 27 MAR	At sea
27 MAR - 4 APR	Halifax, Nova Scotia
4 - 7 APR	At sea
7 - 11 APR	Norfolk, Virginia
11 - 19 APR	At sea
19 - 24 APR	Lisbon, Portugal
24 - 29 APR	At sea
29 APR - 1 MAY	Lisbon, Portugal
1 - 9 MAY	At sea
9 - 12	Izmir, Turkey
12 - 14 MAY	At sea
14 - 17 MAY	Athens, Greece
17 - 20 MAY	At sea
20 - 22 MAY	Naples, Italy
23 MAY	La Spezia, Italy

24 - 27 MAY	At sea
27 MAY - 11 JUN	Lisbon, Portugal
12 - 14 JUN	At sea
14 - 15 JUN	Campbelltown, Scotland
15 - 16 JUN	At sea
16 - 19 JUN	Glasgow, Scotland
19 - 26 JUN	At sea
26 JUN - 3 JUL	Greenwich, England
3 - 13 JUL	At sea; Cease operating with STANAVFORLANT
13 JUL - 21 AUG	Mayport, Florida
21 - 25 AUG	At sea
25 - 28 AUG	New York City, New York
28 - 29 AUG	At sea
29 - 31 AUG	Charleston, South Carolina
31 AUG - 1 SEP	At sea
11 SEP - 9 NOV	Mayport, Florida
9 NOV - 10 NOV	At sea
10 - 13 NOV	Mayport, Florida
13 - 15 NOV	At sea
15 NOV - 7 DEC	Newport, Rhode Island
7 - 9 DEC	At sea
99 - 31 DEC	Mayport, Florida

## PART II

### BASIC NARRATIVE

1 January 1972 found USS CHARLES F. ADAMS in Mayport, Florida readying herself to become a member of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic. On 12 January ADAMS got underway for Port Royal, Bermuda where she joined the other STANAVFORLANT ships and became temporary flagship. For the next six months, ADAMS cruised with this select group of ships throughout the Atlantic and Mediterranean. The force included ships from Canada, Great Britain, the German Federal Republic, Portugal, the Netherlands, and Turkey, as well as the U.S.

Various exercises were conducted in the Caribbean as the ships of STANAVFORLANT began to develop into a team. Port calls were made at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, V.I. and Willemstadt, Curacao during the first month of operations.

From the sunny Caribbean, ADAMS and STANAVFORLANT cruised to icy Halifax, Nova Scotia, by way of Charleston, S.C. In spite of snow and freezing temperatures, the force sailors received warm hospitality from their Canadian hosts. During their stay in Halifax ADAMS' sailors participated in the ending of an old Canadian naval custom. On March 31st, the Rum-tot was discontinued and all hands joined in the ceremony.

After leaving Halifax, ADAMS and the other force ships cruised to Norfolk, Virginia to help celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the NATO Allied Command Atlantic. Lisbon, Portugal, was the next port of call for STANAVFORLANT. Local operations were conducted out of Lisbon and the men of ADAMS got to know the city quite well.

Upon leaving Lisbon, CHARLES F. ADAMS became part of the first STANAVFORLANT to ever enter the Mediterranean. Not only did they enter it, but they cruised its length, putting in for a short stay in Izmir, Turkey.

Other historic ports were visited in quick succession, Athens, Greece; Naples, Italy; and La Spezia, Italy, before STANAVFORLANT returned to Lisbon at the end of May.

Two weeks were spent in Lisbon for upkeep before the force cast off for a cruise to the British Isles. ADAMS and other force ships spent almost two weeks operating in the River Clyde and visiting Glasgow and Campbelltown, Scotland. In London, the next port of call, the Standing Naval Force was inspected by Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret. While in London, the men of ADAMS enjoyed their last liberty as members of STANAVFORLANT. On 3 July, USS BIGELOW relieved ADAMS and after the customary sail-past CHARLES F. ADAMS departed London alone for Bermuda and Mayport.

The months of July and August were spent primarily in Mayport, however, ADAMS made a short trip to New York City where she acted as visit ship. After receiving thousands of interested and interesting New Yorkers, the ship departed for Mayport, stopping briefly at Charleston to off-load ammunition.